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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Inventor: Appln. of: **Choong Seng Boon et al.**

Appln. No.: **10/715,435**

Filed: **November 19, 2003**

For: **VIDEO ENCODING METHOD, VIDEO DECODING METHOD, VIDEO ENCODING PROGRAM, VIDEO DECODING PROGRAM, VIDEO ENCODING APPARATUS, AND VIDEO DECODING APPARATUS**

Examiner: **To Be Assigned**

Art Unit: **2613**

Attorney Docket No: **9683/262**

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Sir:

Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal (in duplicate); Third Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; 4 Cited References (D1- D4)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
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- ☐ An additional filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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| Total | | Minus | | | x \$25= | | | x \$50= | |
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| First Presentation of Multiple Dep. Claim | | | | | +\$180= | | | + \$360= | |
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- ☐ A check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
- ☐ Payment by credit card in the amount of \$_____ (Form PTO-2038 is attached).
- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

Respectfully submitted,

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THIRD SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

FOREIGN DOCUMENTS

| DOCUMENT NUMBER <small>Number-Kind Code (if known)</small> | DATE | COUNTRY |
|--|---------------|----------------|
| JP H03-1688 | Jan. 8, 1991 | JPO |
| JP H10-4549 | Jan. 6, 1998 | JPO |
| JP 2004-242271 | Aug. 26, 2004 | JPO |

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Japanese Office Action dated March 20, 2007

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). Reference D4 is an Office Action issued in the counterpart Japanese application, a translation of which is also attached. References D1-D3 were cited in the Japanese Office Action. References D1-D3 are in Japanese. For Reference D1, Applicants are submitting an

English abstract thereof. For each of References D2 and D3, Applicants are submitting an English translation thereof.

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner's consideration of the above references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

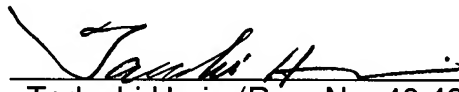
Applicants have calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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|---------------------|--|----------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| | D1 | JP H03-1688 | Jan. 8, 1991 | JPO | Abstract only |
| | D2 | JP H10-4549 | Jan. 6, 1998 | JPO | Yes |
| | D3 | JP 2004-242271 | Aug. 26, 2004 | JPO | Yes |

| EXAMINER INITIAL | OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS (Include name of author, title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.) |
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| | D4 Japanese Office Action dated March 20, 2007 |

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